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In re Application of: BELL, et al.  
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Group Art Unit: 2663  
Examiner: Huy D. Vu  
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PERFORMING SIGNALING  
ON BEHALF OF A STATELESS CLIENT

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Honorable Assistant Commissioner

for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed May 23, 2001, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the comments set forth below.